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SUBJECT: EA SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1977

1. KOREAN REACTION TO BROWN/HABIB VISIT (CONFIDENTIAL)

EMBASSY SEOUL REPORTS THAT ROKG OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED WITH THE BROWN/HABIB CONSULTATIONS. THE ROKG BELIEVES THE VISIT HELPED FOCUS ATTENTION ON REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES AND CONVINCED OFFICIALS THAT THE U.S. IS SERIOUS ABOUT CONSULTING RATHER THAN SIMPLY INFORMING THE KOREANS. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE VISIT HAS STRENGTHENED SUPPORT WITHIN THE ROKG FOR PRESIDENT PARK'S ACCEPTANCE OF OUR DECISION TO WITHDRAW FORCES. THE VISIT SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUND COMPENSATORY MEASURES. THE PRESS, MILITARY AND INFORMED INTELLECTUALS CONTINUE TO BE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL, BUT THEY ARE DISPLAYING RESTRAINT.

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2. PHILIPPINE DOG BITE CASES (CONFIDENTIAL)

PHILIPPINE MEDIA CONTINUES TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE CLARK DOG BITE INCIDENTS. CONTRARY TO AN EARLIER MANILA CABLE, WHICH STULL SAYS HE DID NOT CLEAR, STULL BELIEVES THE MANILA MEDIA WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE ISSUE UNTIL THE GOP GETS SATISFACTION.

3. MANILA JOURNALIST URGES STULL BE NAMED AMBASSADOR
(UNCLASSIFIED)

MANILA TIMES JOURNAL COLUMNIST ERNIE GRANADA, WHO CAMPAIGNED LONG AND HARD FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN'S RECALL, HAS URGED THAT LEE STULL BE NAMED THE NEXT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES. GRANADA WROTE, "THE REST OF THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH HIS (STULL'S) CANDID FRIENDSHIP IN CONTRAST TO MR. SULLIVAN'S MASKED ARROGANCE."

4. INDIAN PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH PRC
(CONFIDENTIAL)

AT MAY 30 NEWS CONFERENCE, INDIAN PRIME MINISTER DESAI REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE PRC HAS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS "BECAUSE THEY WERE THE AGGRESSORS." EMBASSY NEW DELHI COMMENTS THAT, IF ACCURATELY REPORTED, THE PRIME MINISTER'S BLUNT REMARKS UNDERMINE THE PREVIOUSLY NON-COMMITTAL STANCE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. TO DATE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD GONE NO FARTHER THAN TO SAY THAT INDIA DESIRED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS.

5. EC INTERESTED IN DIALOGUE WITH ASEAN (LIMITED OFFICIAL
USE)

EMBASSY BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL, HAS PROPOSED ESTABLISHING AN ASEAN/EC DIALOGUE IN WHICH THE NINE EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
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SENTATIVES AND THE ASEAN AMBASSADORS WOULD MEET SEMI-ANNUALLY TO DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS. ASEAN OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS ARE INTERESTED BUT HAVEN'T GOTTEN THEIR ACT TOGETHER YET. VANCE

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